

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2005-331-C

Adelphia Telecommunications, Incorporated ("ATI") and Telecom Management, Incorporated, d/b/a Pioneer Telephone ("Pioneer") (together "Applicants") have filed correspondence with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") regarding an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement"), whereby Pioneer will acquire substantially all of the assets of ATI, including, but not limited to, ATI's customer accounts in South Carolina (the "Acquisition"). Pioneer is a Maine corporation with principal offices located at 583 Warren Avenue, Portland, Maine 33815. Pioneer is a certified long distance telecommunications resale provider in South Carolina. ATI is a Delaware corporation with principal offices located at 5619 DTC Parkway, Englewood, Colorado 80111. ATI is a certified long distance telecommunications resale provider in South Carolina. Since June 25, 2002, ATI has been operating under the protection of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court"). The sale of the customers and assets of ATI pursuant to the Agreement has been approved by the Bankruptcy Court. According to the Application Pioneer will receive ownership, right, title and interest in and to substantially all of ATI's assets, including its customer accounts, as defined in the Agreement, and the bankruptcy estate of ATI will receive the purchase price set forth in the Agreement, pursuant to an Order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the Agreement. Pioneer proposes the Acquisition to consolidate the business and customer accounts of ATI with Pioneer in order to create a single, larger provider of telecommunications services, facilitating efficiencies to benefit all of Pioneer's and ATI's customers. According to the Application, the Acquisition will serve the public interest in that it will ensure that current ATI customers maintain uninterrupted service. The Acquisition will also serve to create a heightened level of operating efficiency which generally will serve to enhance the overall capacity of Pioneer to compete in the marketplace and to provide telecommunications services for a greater number of consumers in South Carolina at competitive rates.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from Edward P. Gothard, Esquire, Nowalsky, Bronston & Gothard, LLC, 3500 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 1442, Metairie, Louisiana, 70002.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **November 25, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-331-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Edward P. Gothard, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **November 25, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-331-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **November 25, 2005**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-331-C.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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